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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated November 14, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

A 1. (Amended) A therapeutic drug for refractory injuries, comprising 3-(RS)-[[4-(carboxymethylaminocarbonyl)phenylcarbonyl]-L-valyl-L-prolyl]amino-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-methyl-2-oxopentane or a salt thereof as an effective ingredient--

and a pharm. accept. excipient.

Please add the following new claims:

A 2. (New) The therapeutic drug for refractory injuries according to Claim 1, wherein said salt thereof is selected from the group consisting of an alkali metal salt, an alkaline earth